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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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	ADNAN MIRZA	2445	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/26/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-7,10-14,16 and 18-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/Rupal D. Dharia/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2400

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Todd Cason on 01/06/10.

Please cancel claims 22-26.

Listing of Claims

- 22. (Cancelled).
- 23. (Cancelled).
- 24. (Cancelled).
- 25. (Cancelled).
- 26. (Cancelled).

Reasons for Allowance

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1. Claims 1,4-7,10-14,16,18-21 will be allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

According to the boards decision the applicant added the subject matter of the claims 3, 9, 17 and 23 where the examiner being reversed into all the independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 21. The prior art references most closely resembling the applicants claimed invention is Flood et al (U.S. 4,937,777) and Schneider et al (U.S. 6,304,895).

First Flood disclosed a programmable controller for operating a machine to carry out programmed functions includes a plurality of program processors. Each of the program processors is operable to execute simultaneously a different user control program that directs the operation of the machine to perform specific functions. However Flood failed to disclose, " a first interface card coupled to a first network device that uses a first operating system; a second interface card coupled to a second network device that uses a second operating system; and a management card coupled to the first interface card and the second interface card, the management card operable to: receive a command from a client, the command identifying an interface card or a network device associated with an interface card; establish a communication link between the client and a particular one of the first interface card and the second interface card selected in response to the command communicated by the client, wherein the communication link forms a complete path that at least the client and communicate management information using the communication link, wherein the management card comprises: a switch operable to establish the communication link between the client and one of a first port and a second port of the management card: a memory operable to store mapping information associating the first port with the first interface card and the second port with the second interface card; and a processor coupled to the memory and the switch the processor operable to: receive the command; determine the port associated with the particular interface card using the mapping information; command the switch to

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establish the communication link between the client and the determined port; and configure the management information for the operating system of the network device associated with the particular interface card. These limitations are incorporated into all of the independent claims (claims 1, 7, 14, 21).

Second Schneider disclosed a method and system for remotely accessing and controlling at least one of a target switch and a target computer using a target controller. However Schneider failed to disclose, " a first interface card coupled to a first network device that uses a first operating system; a second interface card coupled to a second network device that uses a second operating system; and a management card coupled to the first interface card and the second interface card, the management card operable to: receive a command from a client, the command identifying an interface card or a network device associated with an interface card; establish a communication link between the client and a particular one of the first interface card and the second interface card selected in response to the command communicated by the client, wherein the communication link forms a complete path that at least the client and communicate management information using the communication link, wherein the management card comprises: a switch operable to establish the communication link between the client and one of a first port and a second port of the management card: a memory operable to store mapping information associating the first port with the first interface card and the second port with the second interface card; and a processor coupled to the memory and the switch the processor operable to: receive the command; determine the port associated with the particular interface card using the mapping information; command the switch to establish the communication link between the client and the determined port; and configure the management information for the operating system of the network device associated with the particular interface card". These limitations are incorporated into all of the independent claims (claims 1, 7, 14, 21).

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In summary, the Examiner submits that Flood and Schneider taught all the limitations of independent claims in combination with other elements. Specifically prior art does not teach, " a first interface card coupled to a first network device that uses a first operating system; a second interface card coupled to a second network device that uses a second operating system; and a management card coupled to the first interface card and the second interface card, the management card operable to: receive a command from a client, the command identifying an interface card or a network device associated with an interface card; establish a communication link between the client and a particular one of the first interface card and the second interface card selected in response to the command communicated by the client, wherein the communication link forms a complete path that at least the client and communicate management information using the communication link, wherein the management card comprises: a switch operable to establish the communication link between the client and one of a first port and a second port of the management card: a memory operable to store mapping information associating the first port with the first interface card and the second port with the second interface card; and a processor coupled to the memory and the switch the processor operable to: receive the command; determine the port associated with the particular interface card using the mapping information; command the switch to establish the communication link between the client and the determined port; and configure the management information for the operating system of the network device associated with the particular interface card"; therefore, claims 1,4-7,10-14,16,18-21 have been deemed allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Vivek Srivastava can be reached on (571)-272-7304. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are listed herein below.

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/Rupal D. Dharia/

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